

The War Lookout

THE indications all point to tremendous fighting in Europe during the coming two months. In the west the effort of the allies to drive the Germans back upon their own soil, on the part of the Germans to force their way through and over the allied lines to a seaport, presumably Calais.

It is reported, and the report seems reliable, that 2,000,000 soldiers have been sent from England to the continent in the past eight weeks, that France has reinforced her northern armies by another million men, and that Germany has pushed forward on her western line 2,000,000 fresh troops. It looks as though wholesale destruction is contemplated on both sides and is even now beginning.

It is expected that Russia will attempt the invasion of Hungary and the dismemberment of the Austria-Hungarian empire, and that a mighty, concentrated effort will be made to reduce all the forts on the Bosphorous and to capture Constantinople.

Should Germany make any progress toward the west coast, she will need the co-operation of her fleet and this may bring on the long-expected great sea fight to decide whether in the future Great Britain or Germany shall be lord of the seas.

It seems quite probable that the most fearful battles of the war are yet to be fought, and that in the immediate future. The prospect is enough to cause thoughtful people to question whether civilization is of much advantage to mankind after all. That the most enlightened nations can not adjust their differences without killing millions of their bravest and best people is a showing that ordinary savages would hesitate to make.

Those Mexicans

WHAT a farce has been under performance in Mexico for a hundred years, save during the few years that old man Diaz with iron hand compelled order and peace!

Our peace at any price friends rest on the theory that a people who are struggling up toward liberty must be let alone. The trouble is the people of Mexico have never esteemed liberty worth struggling for. They have no elements within themselves that can be expanded into a desire for self-respectful freedom. For a hundred years they have been but the tools of adventurers, and have followed their leaders, not to gain a solid freedom, but for loot and to escape honest work. They have within them no germs that can be expanded into honest nationality.

The Shame of it

UTAH has nursed a university for many years. A great deal of money has been expended upon it. We had all grown to believe that it was a school that we had a right to be proud of. All at once a score of professors in the school resigned, all at once the major portion of the students rose up in protest against the methods prevailing in the school.

The real cause of the trouble has never been satisfactorily explained. Now we are treated to the astounding spectacle of the president and one or two of the faculty going east to engage new teachers. Why is such a reproach cast upon Utah and her supposedly greatest educational institution?

How many will come here to settle that they may have the advantages of our schools?

The Farmers' Opportunity

A GREAT many acres that were planted last year in Europe will not be this year.

The farmers of Utah should keep this in mind and cultivate every acre that they can get water to. They should discriminate, too, and plant what can be shipped away or fed to food animals.

The farmers, too, should combine to secure for themselves a fair price for their products. The difference between what they now receive and what the consumers in town pay is too great. The man who has a farm in Utah and has water to irrigate it is in the best place that any farmer can find. He is sure of a good crop and a good price for it, and all the time is breathing an air which is a perpetual tonic.

Promotion

IT is said that the mayor, other city officers and prominent citizens of Terre Haute, Ind., who were recently convicted of election frauds and sent to a federal penitentiary, took on none of the humiliation of men convicted of crime, but started proudly on the journey to the pen. May be it was their joy at getting out of Terre Haute that made them so happy and that to them the change from Terre Haute to a federal penitentiary seemed a real promotion.

We in Salt Lake had one Terre Haute man here once as commissioner, and after a fair trial the conclusion was that there were worse men than he in the pen, but not so many.

The Navy and Military Training

IT is a fine showing that Secretary Daniels makes for the United States navy. It makes every American glad. That part of it which treats of the guns and ammunition will be studied carefully by foreign powers. They will not forget that up to date in actual practice the rule has been that just twice as many shots fired by Americans in war from either small arms or great take effect than when fired by foreign armies or ships. What is said of American submarines will also be carefully noted.

Now if our schools were keeping pace with the navy; if the course of study in all our higher schools could include an hour a day of military drill and then one year in camp, it would not cost very much more than at present and could it be tried for five years the entire sentiment of the people would insist upon making it the rule.

That would not encourage militarism at all, it would merely accomplish the youth of the country in something they need to know, and their after lives would prove that it was really the most useful portion of the education the schools gave them.

Then, too, in the event of a war—and we have had a war in every generation since ours was a nation—it would prevent thousands of deaths in learning war after it was too late.

This is so plain that one would think the people would demand that the rule should be at once established.

So Merciful Are They

THE humanity of our mayor and chief of police stands out in striking contrast to the cruelty of other lands.

When aggrieved students of our great university desire to parade in protest against what they believe is an injustice, the order does not go forth to send them to Siberia or even Provo, but they are informed that in as much as they have forbidden some lusty gentlemen who boldly seek for honest work, but are in deadly fear lest they find it, to parade their sorrows, in the interest of peace and to vindicate the exact limitations of our free institutions, they are bound to deny the request. Mark the difference between our benign authorities and those of benighted Russia!

Homan—One of the waiters at this place was formerly a duke, one of the chefs was a count and the bellhop was a prince. Ryontoo—I suppose the manager was formerly a king or emperor? Homan—No; he was a milk wagon driver. —New York Sun.

University Students Insulted

When a delegation of students representing a thousand out of the twelve hundred at the University, called on Chief of Police Grant Monday morning and asked for permission to parade in the business streets of the city, they were told that he could not give them the desired permission, because "he had refused to grant the same privilege to the Industrial Workers of the World."

The chief of police has served his masters faithfully since he was appointed to his present position, but never has he dared to so grossly insult the citizens of this city and state, and the scions of their families, as when he compared them to the thieves and cut-throats and anarchistic horde that make up that organization known as the I. W. W.'s. Craftily the chief is quoted as having said that permission might be obtained for the parade, but it would have to come from the mayor and the city commissioners, in as much as he had no authority to permit a parade such as the one planned by the university students.

They then visited Mayor Park, who informed them that they could hold the demonstration on the campus, but the city officials would not authorize the parade on the city streets. There were those among the student body advocating the parade without taking cognizance of official opposition, stating that the parade would be clearly within the law, but it was finally decided to abide by the decision of the city officials, and abandon the procession.

Apparently the thing for the students of the University to do, as well as any one else who lives here, and has an idea he is a citizen with the right to think and act for himself within the law, is to move to Turkey, where he would be unhampered by a fawning chief of police and a mayor, who in his official capacity is a laughing stock in the community, except among those meeting house congregations where periodically he is surreptitiously sparring for votes, while preaching "Holiness to the Lord," and all the time the gubernatorial or senatorial, or some other bee is buzzing through the labyrinth under his hat.

Who did the orders come from, mayor and chief? Heber J. or Dick Young or some one else? And in carrying them out, was it necessary to compare the student body of the university composed of those who are under the impression that they have a right to think for themselves, to the cannaille banded under the red flag, with murder in their hearts, and anarchy in their distorted minds, and no fixed purpose except the destruction of government, and the ambition to get something for nothing.

In the Goldfield days I. W. W. stood for "I Want Whiskey," "I Won't Work," and until the law moved south of Tonopah, both ambitions were gratified.

You need not be told, Chief Grant, what kind of flotsam compose the I. W. W. Is it possible that you subservience is such that you want to make a record that will not be overlooked by exploiting such a comparison in public? Was your solicitude about the possibility of the students creating a disturbance prompted by reflection in retrospective on some of the past performances nearer home?

The way you turned the boys over to the mayor or rather to the one who was elected mayor, for "Slippery Dick" is the real head of the city government; and the way the mayor received them looks suspiciously like a frame, and we haven't the slightest doubt that both of you knew the request was to be made and so were perfectly prepared.

You are a fine pair to be at the head of the police department in a city like Salt Lake, but it looks as though we would have to stand for both